NOTICE OF A CITIZEN PROJECT UPDATE MEETING FOR THE SALEM CREEK CONNECTOR FROM RAMS DRIVE (FORMERLY STADIUM DRIVE) TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE IN WINSTON-SALEM

TIP Project No. U-2925

Forsyth County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a meeting to update the public about the Salem Creek Connector project in Winston-Salem on April 9 at the Anderson Conference Center at Winston-Salem State University, located at 601 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. The meeting will inform the public of the project schedule and provide general project information.

NCDOT is constructing a four-lane, median-divided 1-mile highway on a new location between Rams Drive (formerly Stadium Drive) and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. U.S. 52, Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Rams Drive, Salem Avenue and City Yard Drive will be widened. Vargrave Street will be relocated from just north of Mock Street to Diggs Avenue. A connection to Salem Avenue will also be provided on the western end of the project.

The project will include the reconstruction and realignment of the Diggs Boulevard/U.S. 52-311/N.C. 8 interchange to a Diverging Diamond Interchange, as well as removal of the ramps at the Rams Drive/U.S. 52-311/N.C. 8 interchange. A Diverging Diamond Interchange allows two directions of traffic to temporarily cross to the opposite side of the road. This movement provides easier access on and off the freeway, as well as move higher volumes of traffic through an intersection without increasing the number of lanes in the interchange.

The purpose of the project is to improve access to U.S. 52 for the area surrounding Winston-Salem State University, Salem Academy and College, and Wake Forest Innovation Quarter (formerly the Piedmont Triad Research Park). It also will improve east-west traffic flow in the area.

For more information, contact Wright Archer, Resident Engineer, NCDOT-Division 9 at 1151 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Winston-Salem, 27105; by phone: (336) 747-7950 or by email: warcher@ncdot.gov. Additional comments may be submitted until April 30, 2013.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Kimberly Hinton from the NCDOT Human Environment Section at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598; by phone at (919) 707-6072; by fax at (919) 212-5785; or by email at khinton@ncdot.gov as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494. Interpretive services will be available at the meeting.